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REPORT

FOR THE

LADIES' RELIF SOCIETY.

For the Two Years Ending
November 30, 1906.

REPORT.

EAST LAS VEGAS, N. M.
January 25, 1907.

Hon. Herbert J. Hagerman, Governor of New Mexico:

Sir: In accordance with your request, I respectfully submit the following report of the work done by the Ladies' Relief Society of Las Vegas for the two years beginning December 1, 1904, ending November 30, 1906.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Dec. 1, 1904, Balance in Bank	$ 20 49	
Territorial warrants	2,153 35	
Board	2,263 70	
Membership dues	54 00	
Money donation	1,336 55	
Borrowed from Bank	300 00	
		$ 6,128 09
Dec. 1, 1905, Balance in Bank	$ 117 09	
Territorial warrant	2,605 94	
Board	2,075 95	
Membership dues	69 00	
Donations	793 22	
Borrowed from Bank	300 00	
		$5,961 30
Total receipts		$12,089 39
Total expenses		12,06 15
November 30, 1906, Balance in Bank		$ 83 24

DISBURSEMENTS.

December 1, 1904, to December 1, 1905.

Groceries	$1,102 08
Meats	464 29

Milk	420 60	
Drugs	331 64	
Fuel	309 80	
Nurses, help, incidentals	1,745 65	
Funeral expenses	10 00	
Furnishings	134 07	
Sundries	694 15	
Repairs	481 65	
Dry Goods	169 14	
Lights	63 65	
Plumbing and hardware	76 18	
Total		$ 6,128 09

December 1, 1905, to December 1, 1906.

Groceries	$1,047 13	
Nurses, help	2,007 12	
Meat	336 95	
Milk	282 05	
Drugs	316 10	
Fuel	210 80	
Furnishings	94 65	
Plumbing and hardware	60 66	
Dry Goods	147 77	
Sundries	319 80	
Repairs and material	715 03	
Funeral expenses	28 00	
Note at Bank and Interest	312 00	
		$5,878 06
Total expenses		$12,006 15
November 30, 1906, outstanding indebtedness		$800 00

SUMMARY OF PATIENTS TREATED.

Charity patients.

Dec. 1, 1904, to Dec. 1, 1905	102
Dec. 1, 1905, to Dec. 1, 1906	194
Total number	296

Deaths.		
Charity patients		13
DAYS TREATMENT OF CHARITY PATIENTS.		
Dec. 1, 1904, to Dec. 1, 1905	4,225	
Dec. 1, 1905, to Dec. 1, 1906	3,547	
Total number of days	7,772	
Deaths		14
Total deaths		27
Pay Patients.		
Dec. 1, 1904, to Dec. 1, 1905	60	
Dec. 1, 1905, to Dec. 1, 1906	96	
Total	156	
Deaths		14
Days treated.		
Dec. 1, 1904, to Dec. 1, 1905	1,302	
Dec. 1, 1905, to Dec. 1, 1906	1,350	
Total	2,652	
Deaths		12
Total deaths		26
Total number of patients	452	
Total number of days	10,424	
Total number of deaths	53	

Owing to uncommonly heavy drains upon resources, the management of the hospital found itself $800 in debt at the close of the year, November 30, 1906. Due to the prevalence of typhoid fever during the summer and fall, the number of charity patients was greatly increased. These patients called for much additional care and proved an extra expense. Also it was found necessary to remodel and refit the operating room, to install a furnace and registers and to make other improvements about the hospital. But the most serious feature with which the management has to contend is the increased cost of living expenses. It is reliably es-

timated that during the past three years such increase has been not less than forty per cent.

However, the citizens of Las Vegas rallied generously to the aid of the hospital and contributed $600 towards canceling the debt.

The condition of the hospital is now excellent. The operating room could not well be improved. Nearly all the physicians of the community send their operative cases here, but they require for them the best of attention and first-class scientific service. The corps of attendants is well-trained and effective. To supplement the quarters in the building, where there are accommodations for twenty-one patients, a number of tents have been provided.

During the whole year the hospital has been full, and, of the total number of patients, an average of a fraction more than sixteen for the year have been charity patients.

When it is considered that the territorial appropriation pays for the care of a little less than seven patients for the year, it will readily be understood that the demand upon the management for funds to meet the requirements, is one not easily filled.

The management has worked faithfully to raise money. The citizens of Las Vegas have been liberal. President Mrs. A. D. Higgins, during a trip made to Illinois and Indiana in behalf of the hospital secured valuable assistance. Ladies in Chicago and other points in Illinois, and in South Bend, Indiana, contributed towards building and equipping tents and for other purposes. Some help has come from other parts of the Territory. For the most part, however, the burden of paying for the excess in the cost of the mainten ance of the hospital, over the share borne by the Territory, falls upon the people of Las Vegas.

We do not believe, under the conditions that exist here, that such should be the case. A very large majority of the charity patients cared for at the hospital are outside of Las Vegas. This community is the first point in New Mexico, reached from the east, where a charity hospital is maintained. Accordingly, it catches almost all the indigent who manage to reach New Mexico, seeking for renewed health. Not a few patients come from other parts of New Mexico.

The proportion of Las Vegas poor, treated as charity patients, is hardly worth mentioning.

In view of such facts, it appears no more than just that the Territorial appropriation for the maintenance of the hospital should be considerably increased. No institution that appeals for Territorial assistance can be more entirely worthy. Many times the management has been menaced with the necessity of closing the doors of the institution. Las Vegans have come to its relief and the emergency has been tided over. But now it appears certain that if the hospital is to do the character and volume of work that it should do—work which must be done in the Territory, unless the people prove false to the highest dictates of humanity—there must be a substantial increase in the amount of money appropiated by the legislature for the aid of the institution.

MRS. G. W. HARTMAN,
Secretary.

MRS. W. G. KOOGLER,
Treasurer.